

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:15 CR 29**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Vs.)
)
MICHAEL SHANE HOOTS.)
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ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this Court on May 15, 2015. It appearing to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with his attorney, Christopher A. Connelly and the Government was present and represented through Assistant United States Attorney Richard Edwards. From the arguments of counsel for the Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

Findings. On April 21, 2015 a bill of information was issued charging the Defendant with possessing images of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(b). On May 15, 2015, the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and accepted a plea of guilty of

Defendant to that charge. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this Court presented the issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

Discussion. 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears that Defendant has now entered a plea of guilty to possession of images of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(b). That crime is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A) in that the crime is considered to be a crime of violence.

The undersigned made an inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney Richard Edwards as to whether or not there has been or will be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Edwards advised the

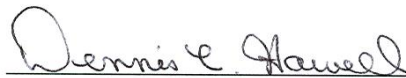
Court that such a recommendation could and would not be made in this matter.

As a result of the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted. It would thus appear and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which mandate the detention of Defendant.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: May 15, 2015



Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

